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Subject: 2014 Emerald Ash Borer Detection Surveys

Jeffrey Reinbold, Superintendent
Flight 93 National Memorial
273 Park Headquarters Road
Stoystown, PA 15563

Dear Mr. Reinbold:

The emerald ash borer (EAB) was first detected in Pennsylvania in 2007. During this year's hemlock woolly adelgid survey, EAB was detected in several ash trees along Rollock Road (Figure 1).

The emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle that has been found throughout Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Minnesota, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia. Since its accidental introduction sometime in the late 1990s, this beetle has caused millions of dollars in damage to ash trees across the Midwest, and has produced wide-ranging quarantines and regulations on movement of ash trees and firewood in the hopes of preventing further spread. The emerald ash borer impacts all North American species of ash trees, and may be spread over long distances through the transport of trees and wood products, such as nursery stock and firewood.

The Park should be developing a management plan for EAB, now that the beetle has been detected. Based on the difficulty in detecting this insect, it is likely that the beetle is already active on other ash trees within the Park. We ask that all Park personnel continue to monitor ash trees for any evidence of EAB activity (e.g. declining ash, wood pecker activity on ash) and report any activity to the Morgantown Field Office.

If you or any of your staff have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Rick Turcotte at (304) 285-1544.

Sincerely,

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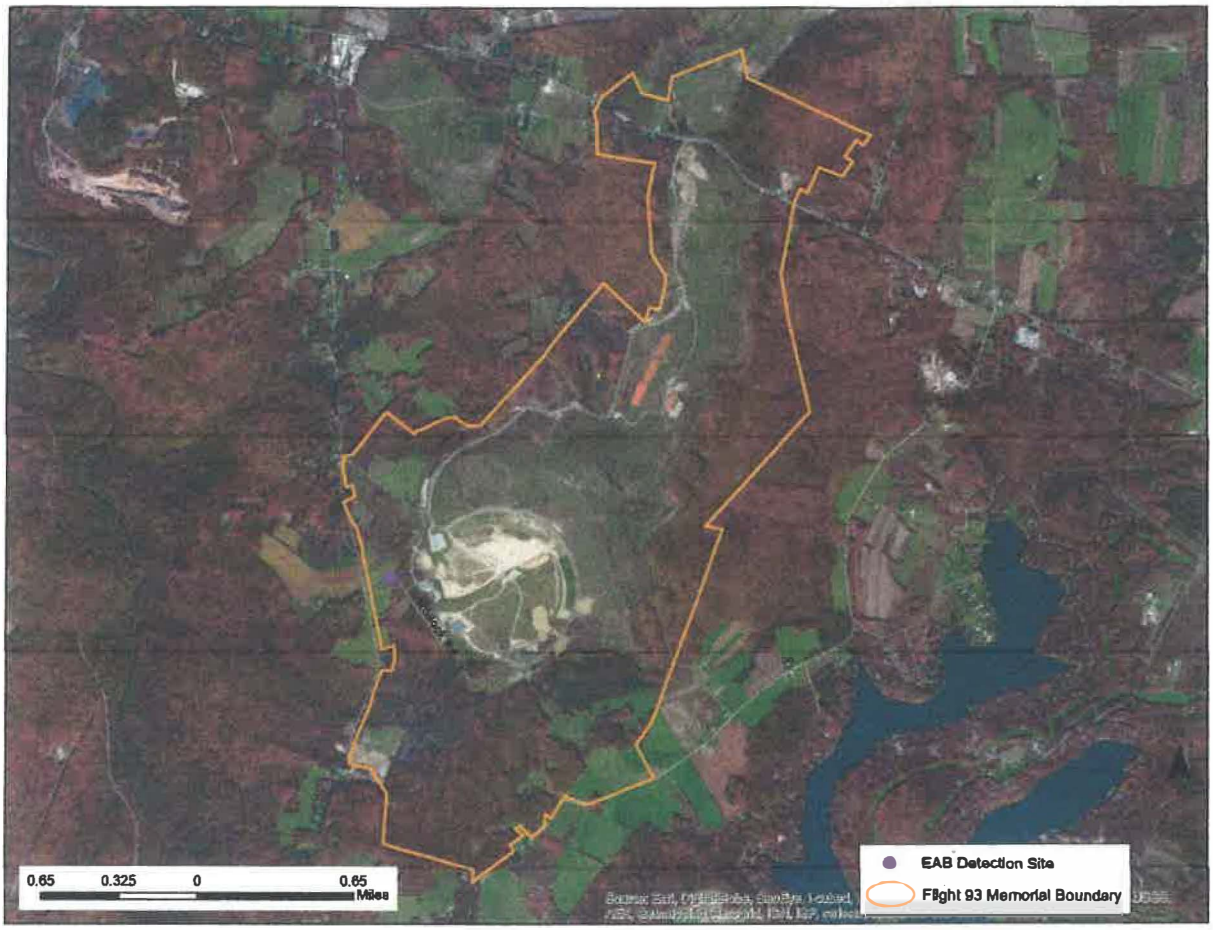

Figure 1. Locations of emerald ash borer infested trees at Flight 93 National Memorial.